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Application No. 09/902,615

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

On August 3, 2005, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On January 4, 2007, appellants filed a communication requesting that this application be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed August 3, 2005, is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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